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**SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY AWARDED CALIFORNIA COUNCIL
FOR THE HUMANITIES GRANT**

Civic Programs Will Foster Public Conversation about the Constitution

SAN DIEGO – The California Council for the Humanities (CCH), an independent, nonprofit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, has awarded the San Diego Public Library a California Reads competitive grant in the amount of \$15,000. The Library's project, *Searching for Democracy: A Public Conversation about the Constitution*, will bring diverse segments of our community together to discuss the meaning of democracy in the United States, both historically and for the future.

Throughout the nine month project, the Library, various community and university partners, and people from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds will come together to discuss and to attend such public educational programs as lectures and presentations, book discussions, film screenings, performance activities. Young and old, rich and poor, new citizens and long-term residents with varying personal socio-political histories will have the opportunity to openly discuss and advance the understanding of our American heritage and citizenry. The endeavor will also afford individual library patrons a greater understanding of the Library's vast collection of Constitution related titles and digital resources.

"Hosting this excellent series of events about the Constitution during an election year furthers the public library's role as a center of learning, engagement, and civic responsibility," say San Diego Public Library Director Deborah Barrow. "The benefits of spotlighting the Constitution in such a big way will foster a true dialogue of the people and can help raise social consciousness, inspire action, and unite the community."

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.gov.

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